

REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephonic interview on April 25, 2006. At the interview, Applicants' attorney, Nathaniel Ari Long, and Examiner Matt Urick discussed the technology and limitations thereof in light of the references of record as well as their collective experience. In particular, limitations directed to the "inhibit transmission" flag aspect of the invention, the "heartbeat monitoring" aspect, and the "redundant failure monitoring" aspect were discussed. It was agreed that Applicants would reconsider and amend the claims, and that Examiner would in turn reconsider and reevaluate in light of the prior art.

Response to March 14, 2006 Official Action

Claims 1-10 and 12-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 27 are the independent claims. In an Official Action dated 03/14/06, original claims 1-27 were rejected as either anticipated by U.S. Pat. 6,378,129 (Zetts), or obvious over Zetts in view of various secondary references as discussed in the Official Action.

Claims 1-7, 12-14, and 27 have been amended as set forth above. Claim 11 is canceled, and new claims 28-36 are added to more fully protect the scope of Applicants' invention. No new matter was added.

It is believed that the above amendments overcome Zetts and the other references of record. Applicants respectfully await Examiner's action upon further review and consideration of the art, in light of the amendments made herein.

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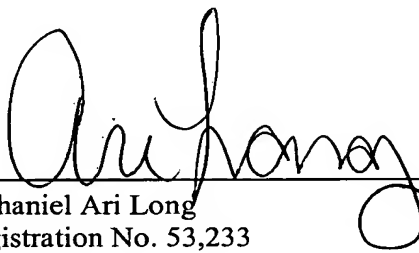
Drawings filed with Application on June 27, 2003

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner acknowledge the drawings filed on June 27, 2003 as formal.

Power of Attorney filed on July 20, 2005

Applicant requests that this matter be associated with our customer number as indicated in the Assignee Power of Attorney filed on July 20, 2005. A copy is enclosed for your reference.

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